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SUBJECT: ECG AD HOD R&D GROUP - REPORT OF APRIL 8
MEETING

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1. THIRD MEETING ECG AD HOC R&D GROUP HELD IN BRUSSELS
APRIL 8. MEETING CHAIRED BY SCHMIDT-KUESTER (FRG) AND
ATTENDED BY 27 PARTICIPANTS FROM ALL ECG MEMBERS EXCEPT
LUXEMBOURG. ALSO PRESENT WERE TWO OBSERVERS FROM OECD
SCIENCE DIVISION AND ONE FROM OECD/NEA.

2. MEETING CHARACTERIZED BY INCREASED PARTICIPATION IN
DISCUSSIONS BY MEMBER COUNTRIES BUT FRG, UK, US AND OECD
PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTORS. JAPAN PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS
STILL VERY TENTATIVE AND WITHOUT COMMITMENT. SCHMIDT-
KUESTER EXERTED STRONG LEADERSHIP AND APPEARS DEDICATED TO
BRINGING FORTH A CONSTRUCTIVE AND RESPONSIVE REPORT TO
ECG.

3. MOST OF MEETING DEVOTED TO REVIEW OF REPORT OF EXPERT
WORKING GROUP WHICH HAD CATALOGUED COUNTRY INTEREST IN
SOME 70 AREAS OF ENERGY R&D. SCHMIDT-KUESTER SUGGESTED
AT BEGINNING OF REVIEW THAT ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE
TO SELECT 4 TO 6 PROJECTS OF HIGH PRIORITY FROM STANDPOINT
OF ENERGY R&D AND HAVING HIGH POTENTIAL FOR INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION. REPORT TO ECG WOULD, HOWEVER, INCLUDE THE
ADDITIONAL AREAS FOR R&D COOPERATION IDENTIFIED BY THE
AD HOC GROUP AS WELL AS THE AREAS IT REJECTED. THE
GROUP AGREED TO THE SUGGESTED APPROACH.

4. THE AD HOC GROUP DEVELOPED A LIST OF 10 PRIORITY
AREAS FOR R&D COOPERATION AND A SECOND CONSIDERABLY LONGER
LIST OF R&D AREAS WHICH WARRANTED FURTHER EXPLORATION
BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES ON A BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL
BASIS. THE LISTS WERE AD-REFERENDUM.

5. FOR EACH OF 10 PRIORITY AREAS SCHMIDT-KUESTER ASKED
FOR A "LEAD" COUNTRY TO DEVELOP A PROPOSAL FOR INTERNA-
TIONAL COOPERATION. THE PRIORITY AREAS AND "LEAD"
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COUNTRIES ARE:

- (A) COAL - UK
- (B) SOLAR - JAPAN (TO BE CONFIRMED)
- (C) FUSION - US
- (D) CONSERVATION - US
- (E) RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT - OECD/NEA
- (F) WASTE HEAT UTILIZATION - FRG

- (G) SAFETY OF NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS WITH EMPHASIS
ON REACTOR SAFETY - US
- (H) HYDROGEN PRODUCTION FROM WATER - FRG
- (I) USE OF MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES FOR
ENERGY PRODUCTION - NETHERLANDS
- (J) ENERGY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS - OECD

6. REPORTS OF "LEAD" COUNTRIES ARE DUE AT NEXT MEETING OF AD HOC R&D GROUP ON APRIL 25. GROUP WOULD BE EXPECTED TO SELECT MOST ATTRACTIVE PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT BY EXPERTS FROM INTERESTED COUNTRIES IN SUCCEEDING 2-3 WEEKS.

7. LIMITED COMMENTS ON UK PAPER ON CONSTRAINTS ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION SUPPORTED US VIEW THAT SUBJECT MIGHT BETTER BE APPROACHED IN LIGHT OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS AND THEREFORE FURTHER WORK SHOULD AWAIT SELECTION OF PROJECTS FOR GROUP REPORT. U.S. SUBMITTED WRITTEN COMMENTS PER REFTEL B AND PARA 17 A, REFTEL A.

8. LIMITED DISCUSSION ON U-S. PAPER ON CRITERIA FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION RESULTED IN SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR CLARIFICATION AND EMPHASIS. BELGIAN DEL FOUND CRITERION APPARENTLY LIMITING COOPERATION IN A PROJECT TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHO COULD MAKE A "DEMONSTRABLE CONTRIBUTION" NOT TO BE IN SPIRIT OF ECG, AND SUGGESTED REWORDING CRITERION TO REFLECT A MORE "LIBERAL" APPROACH. DANISH AND OECD REPS SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF BELGIAN POSITION AND BROAD

PARTICIPATION IN PROJECTS. US AGREED TO REVISE PAPER IN LIGHT OF DISCUSSION AND RESUBMIT FOR APRIL 25 MEETING.

9. SCHMIDT-KUERSTER ANNOUNCED TO GROUP HIS INTENTION TO CONFIDENTIAL

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SUBMIT OUTLINE OF SUGGESTED REPORT TO ECG AT APRIL 25 MEETING. (IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH US SCHMIDT-REPORT OUTLINE. US AGREED TO PARTICIPATE IN DRAFTING WITH UK AND FRG. MEETING SCHEDULED FOR BONN APRIL 23)

10. MEETINGS OF AD HOC R&D GROUP CONFIRMED FOR APRIL 25 AND SCHEDULED FOR MAY 15.

11. WORK ASSIGNMENTS FOR USG ARISING FROM APRIL 8 MEETING:

(A) REVIEW R&D EXPERT WORKING GROUP REPORT FOR ACCURACY AND COMPLETENESS AND SUBMIT REVISIONS BY APRIL 25.

(B) REVISE US WORKING PAPER ON CRITERIA ON BASIS ON

APRIL 8 DISCUSSION AND RESUBMIT BY APRIL 25.

(C) PREPARE DETAILED PROPOSALS FOR POSSIBLE
INTERNATIONAL R&D COOPERATION IN (1) CONSERVATION
(2) REACTOR SAFETY (3) FUSION FOR DISCUSSION ON APRIL 25.

(D) PROVIDE EXISTING AND PLANNED LEVEL OF EFFORT
FOR US PROGRAMS CORRESPONDING TO 10 PRIORITY AREAS SELEC-
TED BY AD HOC GROUP BY APRIL 25.

(E) PREPARE INITIAL U.S. DRAFT OF POSSIBLE FINAL
REPORT TO ECG FOR USE AT APRIL 23 MEETING WITH UK AND
FRG. KISSINGER

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